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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAMAMOTO, TAKASHI et al**

Group Art Unit: 1753

Serial No.: 09/712,927

Examiner: **Christopher Rodee**

Filed: **November 16, 2000**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 3205

FOR: **COLOR IMAGE FORMATION METHOD**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 29, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 31, 2001**, extended to **May 31, 2002**, by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 7 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1 and 9 to read as follows:

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b' 1. (Amended) A method for the formation of a color image which comprises the steps of forming an electrostatic latent image in accordance with an electrophotographic process, visualizing said electrostatic latent image by a developer transported by a developing portion to form a multicolored toner image whereby each monochromatic color toner image is formed by a mutually independent developing step, and superposing then the resulting monochromatic toner images with

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